Majuli Island

679. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning any special package to Majuli Island for development of the Island to attract more tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof and major steps taken for conservation of the century old cultural heritage of the Island; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under following schemes:

1. Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits
2. Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects.
3. Information Technology
4. Fairs/Festival and Events

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned a project-Development of Heritage & Ecotourism Resort at Majuli for Rs. 382.25 lakh to the Government of Assam in the 10th plan.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs, 6635.61 lakh during the 10th five year plan and Rs. 3379.51 lakh during the first two years of the 11th five year plan, to the Government of Assam for various tourism projects.

Recognition of Tourist Destination in Assam

680. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposals from the State Government of Assam for recognition and development of various locations as tourist destinations, which are popular among visitors from various parts of the country and abroad within the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details of such places and steps taken for facilitating tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under following schemes: